

Indiana Dunes State Park

Nature Center

1600 N. 25 E. Chesterton, Indiana 46304 • (219) 926-1390

December Nature Center Hours: 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. CST Daily
Closed Monday and Tuesday, December 4 & 5, and Monday, December 25

All public programs are free (unless otherwise noted) and open to the public after paying the park entrance fee. Our interpretive programs are designed to entertain and enrich folks of all ages. However, children under 14 must be accompanied by an adult.

Schools and special groups must reserve programs separately. Contact the Nature Center for more details

PARK CONTACTS:

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Saturday, December 2

10am Calling all Critters- Discover the joys and entertainment you'll have when you learn the tips and tricks for setting up a backyard feeding station during this 30 min. program at the wildlife observation window. Nature Center. DG

2pm Birding 101- Want to know the easiest ways to start birding? Join us for a short 30 min. program in the nature center auditorium. DG

Sunday, December 3

10am Exotic Invasion- Making a living in the wild isn't getting any easier. Explore some of the challenges facing natural areas and see how you can help from your own home! Nature Center. DG

1pm Naked Trees- See how easy it is to ID your favorite trees, even without leaves, during this easy 45 min. walk from the nature center. DG

Monday & Tuesday, December 4 & 5

Park closed for deer reductions. We appreciate your patience and cooperation as we strive to maintain an ecological balance in the park.

Saturday, December 9

9:30am Going to the Birds- Help the naturalist feed the animals that visit the wildlife observation window and see who comes. 30 min. activity. MM

3pm Reptile Review- Get a close look at some of our most common reptiles during this 30 min. program in the nature center auditorium. MM

Sunday, December 10

10am Eagle Adventures- Enjoy a marvelous look at our national bird during this 30 min. movie in the nature center auditorium.

2pm Unsolved Mysteries- Learn tips & tricks to become a bit of a natural area detective during this 30 min. program in the nature center auditorium. MM

Saturday, December 16

Nature Video Day- Stop by the front desk and choose from more than 40 videos to watch on the big screen in our cozy auditorium.

Sunday, December 17

11am Staying Found- Ever been lost in the woods? Learn how to use a compass during this 30 min. hands-on activity. Nature Center. DG

2pm Finding "Cache"- Geocaching is an exciting new way to explore the outdoors. See how easy it is as you learn to use a GPS unit. 30 min. hands-on activity. Nature Center. DG

Saturday, December 23

10am One man's Trash – Help the naturalist recycle his garbage as you make a real bird feeder you can take home that finches love! 30 min. activity. MM

3:30pm Love Songs of the Dunes- Love is in the air at this time of year as owls enter the breeding season. Come along on this 1 hr. easy walk to call some owls. Nature Center. MM

Sunday, December 24

9:30am Going to the Birds- Help a naturalist feed the animals that visit the wildlife observation window and wait to see who comes. 30 min. activity. MM

1pm A Squirrel Tale- Uncover the world of squirrels and their interesting lives in the Dunes. 30 min. program. Nature Center. MM

Monday, December 25

Nature center closed for the holiday.
Merry Christmas!!

Saturday, December 30

9:30am Going to the Birds- Help a naturalist feed the animals that visit the wildlife observation window and wait to see who comes. 30 min. activity. MM

1pm Sands of Time- Experience the story of the dunes during this 30 min. program and slide show. Nature Center. MM

Sunday, December 31

10am Cross Country Skiing- Break out your skis and join the naturalist for a 90 min. winterland tour on our groomed cross country ski trail. If no snow, we'll hike it. Nature Center. DG

1pm Makin' Tracks- Learn the art of tracking and make some tracks of your own during this 30 min. program and craft. Nature Center. DG

Reserve a special hike or program for your group!

Naturalists have been helping visitors get the most from their duneland adventures since 1931. Separate from public programming, the interpretive naturalist service of the park remains available today, revealing the secrets of the dunes to school, church, company, and scout groups year round with a variety of tailored programs and hikes. For a \$1.00 per person fee, reservations can be made from 6 months to two weeks in advance. Call the Nature Center and schedule your group's adventure today! (219) 926-1390

Find These Programs and others at Indiana State Parks and Reservoirs On-line at
www.interpretiveservices.in.gov

Make a campsite or shelter reservation at
1-866-622-6746 or
on-line at www.CAMP.IN.gov